



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 17, No. 13 – Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, we report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 865-215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. Neighborhoods' Weekend Celebrations Recap

On Sunday, March 24, the **Westwood Homeowners Association** held their annual Spring Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt at Westwood Park. The neighborhood gathered to decorate eggs and had an egg hunt for the neighborhood kiddos. There was a great turnout at the event, and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun!

On Saturday, March 30, the **Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization** held their Third Annual Bunny Brunch. The holiday event consisted of food, fun, and games. The potluck-style brunch had smoked meats and mimosas on the menu. Brunch was followed by an egg hunt extravaganza where neighborhood children gathered and searched for over 1,000 eggs!

Does your neighborhood have a special event planned? The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment would love to hear about it and share it in this newsletter!

Contact Shannett Riley at SRiley@knoxvilletn.gov for your event to be featured in *The Neighborly Notice*.

2. Save the Date: Five Points Up Hosts Community Clean-Up

[Five Points Up](#) will host a community clean-up in East Knoxville on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

If you would like to participate, meet up with neighbors at the Eternal Life Harvest Center (ELHC), located at 2410 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, to pick up materials and equipment. Participants will then go back to their neighborhoods to clean-up and return to the ELHC by noon to enjoy a free lunch and a chance to engage with neighbors.

The event is also sponsored by the [Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee](#) and [Lions International](#).

For more information, please call 865-546-5125.

3. Come Observe the Neighborhood Kickball Tournament

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) proudly presents its Inaugural (take two) Neighborhood Kickball Tournament this Saturday, April 6, at the Ridley Helton Field from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization and Westwood Homeowners Association will be playing the best two out of three for the first champion.

Bring your shades, some snacks, a chair, and come watch these two neighborhoods team up in a friendly competition. They will be playing fast and fun innings, and the winning team gets their picture with a spectacular 2' trophy, a special invite to the ONE Awards Dinner, and bragging rights for the year.

We are hoping for sunny weather, but if it rains that day, the tournament will be postponed to Saturday, May 11, at the same time and location.

Neighborhoods participating in ONE's Healthy Knoxville Program can count this event as one of their physical activities. For more information about the Healthy Knoxville

Program, please contact Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov.

4. Let's Exchange Information

The [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment](#) is hosting the first Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, April 11, from 5–7 p.m. at the Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail, and then again Friday, April 12, from 12–4 p.m. at the City County Building, 400 W Hill Ave., Suite 546.

Carve out some time to come meet neighborhood folks, update your information, and round up some new resources. You may even get a chance to talk to a City Council member. These are open house-style meetings, come any time.

This event is for members of existing neighborhood organizations, as well as anyone who is interested in starting a neighborhood organization in their community. At the event, we will reintroduce ourselves and what we do, provide information about our programming and available resources to neighborhoods, and in exchange, we want to gather updated information about your organization and the fun things your community does throughout the year!

For more information, please email Shannett Riley at SRiley@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. Save the Date: Knoxville Participates in City Nature Challenge

The [Tennessee Butterfly Monitoring Network](#) and [Zoo Knoxville](#), in partnership with the City of Knoxville, [Discover Life in America](#), [Sierra Club](#), and [Ijams Nature Center](#) are coordinating the 2024 City Nature Challenge for the Knoxville area on Friday, April 26, thru Monday, April 29.

The [City Nature Challenge](#) is where cities all over the world collaborate to observe as much wildlife – wild plants, animals, fungi, insects, etc. – as possible in a four-day period.

This year Ijams Nature Center is hosting a myriad of events so that folks can observe many kinds of wildlife. For example, there will be a night hike to spot amphibians, and one to spot nocturnal critters. There will also be walks to identify fungi, trees, birds, wildflowers, beetles, bees, and butterflies. See Ijams Nature Center's [website](#) for the different workshops, schedules, and links to register.

If you register for the City Nature Challenge, you will get free parking at Ijams for the day.

What does it mean to observe wildlife? In this case, it means to take photos of and upload to a website. You do not need to know what species something is. All you need to do is take photos and upload them to iNaturalist.

What are the steps to observe and document?

- Download the iNaturalist app at www.iNaturalist.org to your smartphone
- Create an account for yourself
- Take photos of the wildlife at different angles, if possible, while on the app

What if you don't have a smartphone? You may still take photos with a camera and then upload them to iNaturalist later.

6. City Hosts Job Fair & Career Expo April 3

Job seekers and the career-curious are invited to the City of Knoxville Job Fair and Career Expo on Wednesday, April 3, from 2–6 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

Attendees will be able to apply for jobs on site and ask staff questions throughout the process. They can also learn more about health, savings, and pension benefits.

You can also view City of Knoxville job listings at KnoxvilleTN.gov/jobs.

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7. Applications Open for Mayor's Youth Council

Mayor Indya Kincannon is accepting applications for the Mayor's Youth Council now through Tuesday, April 30. Students in grades 8-11 who live within the Knoxville city limits can [apply](#). If selected, the term will begin in August.

The Mayor's Youth Council consists of up to 16 young people who share a desire to be more involved with local government and decision making. Primary activities will include education on municipal services, collaborations with peers and youth-serving nonprofit organizations, and strategic planning. They also focus on the following identified Action Committees: Homelessness; Violence Prevention; Civic Engagement; and Mental Health and Trauma.

The Mayor's Youth Council was established in 2021 to create a platform for high-performing and high-potential young people to have meaningful and effective roles in the City's policy and decision-making processes.

The Mayor's Youth Council is led by Emily Norris, the City's Youth Engagement Coordinator, and she can be reached at enorris@knoxvilletn.gov.

8. Yes, No, Glass: What Goes in Your City Recycling Cart

If your household is one of the 35,000 households participating in the [City's curbside recycling program](#), here is some news you can use to further reduce your contributions to the landfill:

- Additional cardboard products now qualify for recycling. Coated cardboard cartons, cups, and dinnerware can go in your bin with other mixed paper and cardboard. Oily pizza boxes are OK too! Just make sure all food is removed first.
- Keep plastic bags out of your recycling cart. Plastic bags – including plastic wrappers and film – aren't recyclable in the City's program. You can recycle clean plastic bags at retailers like Kroger, Target, Kohl's, and others. Reduce your use of plastic bags altogether by using cloth totes or other sturdy bags.
- Watch [this video](#) to learn more about how the City's partnerships with Waste Connections and WestRock keep your recyclable items out of the landfill and give them a new life as new products, including carpet and Amazon boxes.
- Our Waste and Resources' recycling motto is "When it doubt, throw it out!" To help determine which items are recyclable or not, visit the [Service and Sort page](#) of our website and plug in the questionable item in the What Goes Where search field.

Remember that glass IS recyclable in Knoxville; however, you must take it to one of the [five recycling centers](#) to sort your glass into clear, green, and brown.

Download a current [recycling information flyer](#) to post in your kitchen or garage. In addition, if you want to sign up for the curbside recycling program and receive your own 90-gallon cart, you can call 311 or make that request on the [City's website](#).

9. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 865-215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

Other Calendars

Additional online calendars that cover events outside the neighborhood realm include:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)

- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Parks and Rec Community Programming](#)

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